

SHORTAGE OF BEER SEEN IN RAID ON WILDCAT BREWERY

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Federal Agents Seize Alleged
Operator; Take Supply at
Delivery Depot

TRUCK CARGO CAPTURED

Machine Forced To Curb and Three
Half Barrels of Foamy Beverage
Found By Federal Men.

Indications that North New Jersey's beer supply is becoming limited are seen by Federal prohibition officials in the discovery of a wildcat brewery in West Paterson yesterday. These wildcat plants can be installed in a day's time, when there is a suddenly increased demand for beer, and, by forcing the mash, the beer can be brewed in another 24 hours, ready for distribution to a thirsting public.

To aggravate the shortage, the agents yesterday seized a "drop," or distribution station, with 50 half-barrels of beer, at West New York, confiscated a small truck carrying beer in Newark, and seized 14 half barrels more in a raid on 735 South Orange avenue, this city.

For variety's sake, they also seized a still operating on the Allentown road, near Robbinsville.

At the South Orange avenue place Walter Perry of 109 Chelsea avenue was arrested and arraigned before U. S. Commissioner Friedmann, who paroled him to his attorney, James W. Donohue, pending the raising of \$1,000 bond.

At West Paterson's wildcat brewery, located on Jackson place, near McBride avenue, Walter Cronk of West Paterson was arrested. He was arraigned before United States Commissioner Holland, charged with manufacture and possession. His bond was set at \$1,000.

When the agents crowded a truck to the curb in front of 221 Parker street, three half-barrels of alleged beer were lost to the trade and the thirsty, and two men were haled before U. S. Commissioner Friedmann, charged with possession of the beer. The pair were Edward Patterson of 113 Kearny avenue, Kearny, and Frank Hazeltine of 429 Central avenue, Harrison. Both were released on \$1,000 bond.